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- 1. AT A BRIEFING WITH DONOR COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES TODAY UNHER PRINCE SADRUDDIN INDICATED THAT HE WOULD CONVEY TO ISLAMABAD THE UNHAPPINESS OF BDG AUTHORITIES WITH THE SLOW PACE OF GOP CLEARANCE FOR PAKISTANI REPATRIATES. BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER VOLUNTEERED THE COMMENT THAT IN THE AFTERMATH OF SIMLA AND DELHI AGREEMENTS THE IMPRESSION IN DACCA WAS THAT THE BURDEN OF ACCOMMODATION HAD FALLEN ON BDG; IT WAS TIME FOR PAKISTAN TO DISPLAY A SIMILAR SPIRIT OF CONCESSION. SADRUDDIN'S ONLY RESPONSE WAS TO REMARK THAT UNHER WAS A NON-POLITICAL ORGANIZATION.
- 2. THE UNHCR ALSO DODGED THE QUESTION OF A UN ROLE IN RESETTLEMENT AND REHABILITATION OF REPATRIATES. SUCH ASSISTANCE WAS NOT IN THE UNHCR CHARTER BUT THE PRINCE IMPLIED THAT THERE WOULD BE A ROLE FOR OTHER UN AGENCIES. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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- 3. SADRUDDIN SAID THAT USE OF CHITTAGONG AIRPORT FOR REPATRIATION WAS UNDER CONSIDERATION AND WOULD LIKELY BE APPROVED.
- 4. COMMENT: BDG CONTINUES TO EXPRESS IN A LOW KEY
 ITS DISATISFACTION WITH PACE OF REPATRIATION FROM
 BANGLADESH. IN CONVERSATION WITH CHARGE YESTERDAY,
 MUJIB WAS UNCHARACTERISTICALLY UNEMOTIONAL ON THE SUBJECT, MAKING
 ONLY AN IRONIC REFERENCE TO THE "SUBSTANTIAL NUMBERS"
 CALLED FOR IN THE DELHI AGREEMENT AND ASKING
 RHETORICALLY IF THE NUMBERS REPATRIATED FROM HERE
 WERE SUBSTANTIAL.
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